

New radio station supporters plan fund raisers; \$74,000 still needed

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A new student radio station will cost \$74,396, and only \$607 has been raised to date.

Taylor Wilken, one of the initiators of the drive for a student radio station, said several fund-raising events have been scheduled this semester.

Wilken, along with many others, has been working on this project for a year now and said he hoped the station would be opened by next spring or summer.

"People have been talking about a student radio station for five or six years now, but no one did anything about it," he said.

Wilken said there are many reasons why a new radio station is needed.

Two of those reasons are "to get a real college radio station and to gain experience."

A benefit concert contributing to the drive for the student radio station will be held Wednesday night in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Ballroom.

Four bands will be donating their time to play for the cause.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the concert will include Coma Club, Tall Tales, The Silver Tongued Devils and Three-Ring Carcus.

Tickets for the benefit will be sold at the door for \$5.

The Student Radio Committee, a subcommittee of the Student Union Activities Board, held its last benefit Sept. 5. The benefit raised \$700.

George Lang, vice chair of the committee, hopes to see many more students this time and to bring in at least \$2,500.

Lang said all money will go towards an FCC license, equipment and general operating expenses to cover the first year of production.

The OU radio station's frequency will be 89.3 FM. Call letters must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

The decision for the call letters will be made once a license has

been purchased.

A third benefit concert is scheduled for Nov. 3; however, no line-up has been announced yet.

Also, Wilken said that a raffle and record swap are scheduled tentatively for November.

Currently, a logo contest is being organized. This will help to raise money as well as give the radio station a name.

There will be a \$2 application fee, and the winner will receive \$50.

For those interested in helping, the next meeting will be Oct. 22.

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